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LICH FACES AXE

Sale of indebted Cobble Hill hospital could reap \$500 million

By Jaime Lutz

The Brooklyn Paper

The State University of New York Downstate Medical Center has found a possible cure for its massive financial headache: shutting Long Island College Hospital and selling the property for a cool half-billion.

The state bought the 155-year-old Cobble Hill institution in 2011 — and in an interview on Monday with the New York Daily News, university chairman Carl McCall said that the purchase "seemed not to have been a sound acquisition," adding that university trustees could vote in less than a month to shutter the hospital.

The hospital's property valuation comes from a Jan. 17 audit of Downstate by the New York State Comptroller,



Protestors gather outside of Cobble Hill's Long Island College Hospital to rally for the medical facility's continued existence.

which estimated that the sale of the institution's property, building and equipment could net \$200 to \$500 million.

That money would come in handy for Downstate, which could go broke "within a matter of months" - perhaps as soon as May — the audit said. Downstate currently loses \$3 million a week, with its losses from 2012 likely to exceed \$200 million, according to the report.

The state's purchase of the Cobble Hill hospital — which had \$170 million in debt at the time — was a key factor in Downstate's financial troubles, the report found.

But the hospital's possible closure is prompting a backlash. Last Friday, hundreds of nurses, doctors, community See LICH on page 3



A dolphin got stranded in the murky shallow waters between Union and Degraw streets on Friday, attracting attention — and goo.

FATAL SWIM

Dolphin's ill-fated sojourn into **Gowanus Canal breaks hearts**

By Natalie Musumeci The Brooklyn Paper

A dolphin that was trapped in the notoriously filthy and toxic Gowanus Canal is sleeping with the fishes.

The male cetacean, which was spotted in the canal at 9:30 am last Friday and appeared to have a bleeding dorsal fin, began bobbing up and down near the Union Street Bridge between Bond and Nevins streets in the early afternoon after spending nine sludgecovered hours in the disgusting wa-

The mammal was coming up for air every few seconds before he passed See **DOLPHIN** on page 5





The Metropolitan Transit Authority now says it will consider adding more trains, giving

riders better information about

service changes, and allowing

guered Brooklyn Local after months of telling riders to talk to the hand — the same day it voted to make the train's temporary extension into Kensington permanent.

, that's better!

MTA will finally consider service upgrades

free above-ground transfers to

users of the beloved and belea-

The agency told The Brooklyn Paper on Monday that the

train, which has seen ridership increase since the expansion that gave Brooklynites oneseat service from Park Slope to Greenpoint without having to suffer the indignity of going through Manhattan, now has a chance to get the improvements riders feel it deserves.

See **G TRAIN** on page 5



The MTA, which for years practically ignored the Brooklyn Local, said it will see if it can improve service on the beloved train.



(From left) Liz McEnaney and Dana Karwas met while working at architect Maya Lin's studio — and say NYU-Poly's incubator in DUMBO allowed them to turn their idea for a historical smartphone app into a reality.

Hatching tech talent in DUMBO

Innovation incubators birth the next generation of boro entrepreneurs

By Eli Rosenberg The Brooklyn Paper

Forget storks, this is where techies come from.

DUMBO's future tech titans

are working together in a handful of incubators — co-working ces for new start-up companies which have become nurturing nests of innovation in Brooklyn's

lauded Tech Triangle. The NYU-Poly incubator, one of the newest in the area, just

hatched its first company: TendigI, an app developer now with six employees, which grew too large to stay in the small space. NYU-Poly's DUMBO incubator, a space at 20 Jay Street hosting 15 small companies on about twice

that many desks, encourages companies to take wing once they get to be about five employees, or have stayed for a maximum of two years.

"The incubator scene is representative of how the nature of business is changing," said Andrew Zarick, the co-founder of Digital DUMBO, which orga-

to bring an idea to life." nizes tech gatherings to connect entrepreneurs, innovators, A number of incubators have and creators, and is also a tensprouted up in DUMBO since it ant at the office. "Businesses began its reign as the tech capineed to keep up with the pace tal of Brooklyn — three on Jay

Street alone. Studiomates set up shop at 10 Jay St. at John St. in 2010, while DUMBO Start-up Lab, at 68 Jay

See **TECH** on page 6

Bike rack taking the heat

City addition amps neighborhood tension in Crown Heights

By Eli Rosenberg The Brooklyn Paper

A bike rack occupying a parking spot on a bustling Crown Heights commercial strip has become a flashpoint for tensions over development in the rapidly gentrifying neighborhood.

The Department of Transportation installed a bike corral — four bike racks that sit parallel in the street — in front of Little Zelda on Franklin Avenue in November after the new cafe's owner worked with the city and the local community board to bring one to the street, along with two planters, by agreeing to maintain it.

But the city didn't consult longtime neighbors and local business $owners\,about\,nixing\,the\,parking$



The community board approved this bike rack in front of coffee shop Little Zelda on Franklin Avenue — but some members of the rapidly gentrifying community said they felt left out of the process.



space, says a group that started a petition to remove the corral.

"What began as an offense has become more than just a bike corral," said Constance Nugent-Miller, who has lived in the neighborhood since she immigrated rom Jamaica in 1970.

The city installed the bike rack on a rapidly developing portion of Franklin Avenue where 52 new businesses have opened since 2008, and Nugent-Miller says it See **RACK** on page 11



of change. Most larger companies

have pretty bureaucratic struc-

tures, but if you look at start-

ups and the model of co-work-

ing, it shows that they are spaces

Julien Nakache, Laurent Moïsi, and Vincent Marger are co-owners of ChefDay, which delivers carefully measured ingredients (below) for customers to cook at home.

Kitchen confidential

These guys promise: You'll cook like a chef

By Danielle Furfaro The Brooklyn Paper

Trying to score a choice restaurant reservation on Valentine's Day can be heartbreaking, but a new Bushwick business allows diners to have restaurant-quality dinners in their own homes. One catch: they have to cook it themselves.

ChefDay offers a variety of unique meals from top New York



City chefs which customers can order for 2,4,6 or 8 people, and the company delivers the appropriate amount of each ingredient for the dish, already cleaned and prepped. For each meal, the company also offers a video of the chef who created the dish describing step-bystep how to prepare it.

"I like cooking and I watch all the cooking shows, but I was See KITCHEN on page 11

By Eli Rosenberg brewers struck their colors and avoid a lengthy legal duel with the The Brooklyn Paper surrendered to California macromicrobrewers Sierra Nevada, who Whale War One is over. will continue to make their own Narwhal beer in the sea. The company's name is now The brewers behind the Brooklyn startup, which hopes to open in

The startup Brooklyn beer

company formerly known as Narwhal Brewery has lost its epic battle over its name with one of the biggest fish of the sea. The local

Bushwick later this year, sought to

'NO' FOR NARWHAL

Tiny local brewer gives up its fight with Big Beer

Chico, Calif.-based company, instead remembering that there are always other fish — and whales

Finback Brewery, after the whale See NARWHAL on page 6 Kevin Stafford and beer.



Food Co-op store manager Oliver Ogden re-stocks radishes at the co-op.

Co-op in crisis

Seeking funds, Bushwick biz may need more member 'cooperation'

By Danielle Furfaro

Is this a food co-op, or Costco? The cost to run the Bushwick Food Co-op, the fledgling member-supported food haven, has tripled during the last few months, and now management is considering asking its 85 members to pony-up \$100 each — on top of a \$50 membership fee — to

help the business stay afloat. "In order to keep this going, we're

going to need to put more money in the coffers," said store manager Oliver Ogden. Ogden says the plan would be to

charge the members the fee as an

investment in the company, which claims to offer lower prices on food See **CO-OP** on page 11



Stuart Post and Chris Kelley hosted the Transit Trivia event at the New York Transit Museum.

Brains on trains Transit museum hosts trivia night

By Danielle Furfaro The Brooklyn Paper

Could you name the world's highest subway station? Do you know the shape cut out of the last New York

subway tokens? These were among the questions asked at the first ever Transit Trivia night, held last week at the MTA's tran-

sit museum in Brooklyn Heights. The trivia night attracted more than 200 people, who formed themselves into 40 teams with names like My Fare Lady,

the Court Squares, and Avenue Q. Players were asked to identify pictures of subway stations, play a hangman-style game where colored circles matching various subway lines offered clues to the missing letters, and display their mastery of obscure subway facts. There were also rounds referencing transit-themed music, like Judy Garland's "The Trolley Song," and movies such as "The French Connection" and "The Taking of Pelham 123."

See TRIVIA on page 6

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OUR EXCLUSIVE NETS COVERAGE

What tough schedule could prove



It wasn't the best week for Brooklyn, First, this column's favorite big man, Brook Lopez, was the recipient of the biggest All-Star snub in history, when the coaches selected the heat's Chris Bosh in his stead. Lopez deserves to be there on his own merit - and not just because Rajon Rondo has pulled a muscle.

Secondly, for the first time since P.J. Carlesimo took over as head coach, the Nets lost back-to-back games this week, falling at Memphis and at Houston. Despite all of this, there is no cause for

The team rebounds nicely, as a good frontcourt should, easily handling the Orlando Magic as it has commonly done to all sub .500 teams this season. But the losses to the Memphis Grizzles and Houston Rockets raise the same question that has often



The Nets Brook Lopez and his pals will have a tough month ahead of them, say our columnists.

reared its ugly head throughout the course of this sea-NBA's best? The answer:

well, kind of.

There's no question that son: can the Nets beat the the Nets are capable of beating good teams. Our front- and outplayed the Clippers,

court has beat the divisionleading Knicks twice, the Thunder in Oklahoma City, that? It's bottom-feeder dominance. Of course, schedulemaking is not within the Nets' control. Our boys play whomever shows up. Hype surrounded Wednes-

day's matchup against Miami, but the Heat are notoriously weak on the glass. Against Chicago, Lopez, Humphries. and Evans should have their hands full with center Joakim Noah and power-forward Carlos Boozer. It's a chance for $Lope z\,to\,show\,he\,should\,have$ been picked over Noah for the All-Star Game, and an opportunity for the big guys to show they can dominate the offensive boards against stiff competition, kicking rebounds out into the hands of the much improved Deron Williams and Joe Johnson. Beating one of the top dogs in the East would certainly ensure that this week would be better than the last for the Brooklyn Nets.

Tom Lafe is a 6-foot-5 sports-world insider with a middling high school basketball career who believes the Nets will be driven by the success of the team's



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February will tell the tale of our Nets barrassing result for Brook-



The Nets have already defeated tough opponents including the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Indiana Pacers, and the Los Angeles Clippers during the course of this season, leading many Brooklynites to conclude this team is for real.

But then, at some point they came against two teams

suspicion that this squad could end up a paper tiger. Trade rumors swirling around the team prove it actually needs to add another piece to make Brooklyn a genuine contender. The back-to-back losses

same humiliation in Memphis, there's that sneaking

the Houston Rockets' throt-

tling of the Nets last week,

a day after suffering the

to Memphis and Houston were concerning because

during the second half of that are good for completely different reasons, so who, exactly, the Nets need to acquire remains unclear.

> Memphis has one of the league's stingiest defenses, currently holding opponents to an NBA-best 89.45 points per game, while scoring 93.41 points per game. Houston has one of the league's most potent offenses, dropping 104.87 points a game — second behind the dynamic Thunder while giving up 102.38 points per contest.

Different teams, same em-

lyn. Yes, the Nets rebounded to crush the Orlando Magic, a bottom-feeder that has provided a welcome confidence boost each time it has appeared on the schedule.

But now, the four games against the Magic are over. That win made the Nets 17–0 on the season when facing sub-.500 teams. Our boys had 27 wins at the time, making them 10-18 against teams with at least as many wins as losses.

Beginning with the Miami

Heat on Wednesday, nine of the Nets' next 13 games are against teams with winning records. And one of those sub-.500 teams is the starstudded Los Angeles Lakers, a team that look like it finally has solved confounding early-season woes.

February will tell us who

the Nets really are. Matt Spolar is a nearly 6-foot-1 journalist with a middling high school basketball career who is sure the Nets win thanks to team's top-tier guards.

had no management. No lead-

ership, nobody to check on our

finances," said Dr. Mike Atal-

lah, the chief medical officer

at the hospital, who has been

working there for 40 years. "Where are our patients going to go?" Atallah asked. 'We need to keep this place going. It's not fair to take from this neighborhood a hospital

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LICH.

Continued from page 1 members, and elected officials rallied in front of the medical center chanting "Save LICH! Save LICH!"

"This is the only hospital that really serves at least this side of Brownstone Brooklyn,"

said John Heyer II, a lifelong Carroll Gardens resident and member of the Carroll Gardens Neighborhood Association. "It's a real loss should we lose our emergency room and our other facilities."

And would-be luxury condo developers are bound to be disappointed in any sale of the property, said Judy Stanton, the executive director of

ation, pointing out that apart from the main hospital building, the remaining real estate is in a limited-height zoning

the Brooklyn Heights Associ-

"From a cold, crass, real estate point of view, someone might find it more valuable, but there is not a housing shortage [in Cobble Hill]," Stanton said. There's a health-care short-

district.

age there." The hospital's merger with

Downstate was first seen as a boon to the long-suffering institution, which accrued its \$170 million debt under previous owners Continuum Health Partners. But current hospital employees blamed both Continuum and Downstate

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Full steam for floating restaurant

The Brooklyn Paper

The Water Table, a dinner boat that aspiring restaurateur Kelli Farwell plans to dock off of Greenpoint, is going full steam ahead despite falling short of her

\$60,000 fund-raising goal. The Water Table's monthlong Indie Go Go campaign only raised \$26,956, far below

"Our main goal was \$35,000, that's what I got the seller of the boat down to," said Farwell. "The \$60,000 factored in getting help with mechanical stuff. But once we have the boat, I think people will come forward."

Farwell, along with her girlfriend and "first mate" Sue Walsh, have been working on their plans for the dinner boat for the past eight

Farwell has long experience in restaurants, where she has acted as a manager, server, captain and wine director. A couple of years ago, she helped set up Rve, an upscale restaurant on South First Street. Since then, she's been wholesaling wine.

'Opening a restaurant is totally

1 pm. When the officer ap-

proached, the suspect started

screaming, allegedly calling

the cop racial slurs and telling

When the officer attempted

to arrest him, he started flail-

ing his arms and then bit the

officer on the hand, police

He was charged with sev-

eral counts of assault, includ-

ing assault as a hate crime,

reckless endangerment, and

A 50-year-old man was

arrested after a building

super claimed he saw him

go into a basement on 16th

Street with a backpack and

come back out with a bicy-

alleged thief enter the build-

ing between Fourth and Fifth

avenues at 5:50 pm. The bike

belonged to a tenant who had

locked it inside a storage con-

tainer in the basement, ac-

76TH PRECINCT

— Danielle Furfaro

The super said he saw the

disorderly conduct.

Pry-in

cle on Jan. 12.

him to "go back to Africa."

it takes a lot of stamina and you have to make every decision. It's a different skill set, but I think she's more than capable," said Cal Elliott, who was Farwell's boss at Rve. "It's a tough business. I take my hat off

to anyone who tries it." It was Farwell's seaside upbringing in Maine that attracted her to the waters surrounding Brooklyn.

"I was taking the East River ferry and I had an epiphany," said Farwell, 41. "I thought 'Wow, you can get a job on the water."

Last year, she took a course and got her captain's license, assuming that she would get into chartering. But then she came up with the idea for the floating restaurant. She scoured the internet for an appropriate boat, and found what she was looking for in a commercial passenger vessel that is a replica of an old tugboat. The boat, certified for a 49 passengers and a crew, is currently docked in Michigan, and Farwell plans to bring it to Brooklvn in March or April.

She plans to host two runs a night on the East River at first, and will eventually also be open for week-

end brunch and Friday afternoon

"If you are going to do a dinner boat and want people there year-

appetizers in the summer. Despite the novelty of running a restaurant on a boat, Farwell's first priority will be the food she

round, you have to make the food good," she said. "In most cases, people think that being on a boat is enough, but I don't think that's Farwell hopes to have the boat

ready for private events this spring and plans to have the restaurant open by mid-summer.

Cops say he threw drink in car, punched her face

BrooklynPaper.com/blotter

84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Boerum Hill-Downtown

A 27-year-old man was arrested after he allegedly threw a glass into a woman's car on Duffield Street on Dec. 14, 2012, cutting her.

The woman told police that she was near Fulton Street at 5:15 pm when the man threw a drink into her car, and then punched her in the face, causing her eve to swell and bruises to her face.

The man was charged with assault, menacing, criminal possession of a weapon, and harassment.

Hold up

A man was arrested months after he and a couple of friends allegedly held up a woman on Eighth Avenue back on May 5, 2012.

The victim told police that the 17-year-old was among a group that demanded she hand over her stuff near 67th Street at 11:40 pm — and then ran off with her iPod and G Shock watch.

The teenager was charged with robbery, grand larceny, petit larceny and criminal possession of stolen property.

No more credit

Police arrested a man who they say stole and used a credit card from a friend who let him stay at his Gold Street apartment on Jan. 4.

The victim told police that he noticed that the contents of his wallet were missing after his 26-year-old visitor

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son Street and Myrtle Ave-

He called to report his American Express card stolen, and the company told him the card had been used to make a \$19 purchase at a nearby deli. The victim went to the deli and asked to see the surveillance tape, and saw his shady visitor making the purchase, police re-

The now-former friend was charged with petit larceny and criminal possession of stolen property.

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

Power down

Police arrested a man who they say stole batteries from a Flatbush Avenue store on

A clerk at the store between Hanson Place and Atlantic Avenue told police that the 61-year-old man came into the store at 11:50 am, put the batteries in his pockets, and tried to walk out. He was also charged with

trespassing.

he allegedly unleashed a ti-

rade of racial epithets at a po-

lice office who caught him

pulling a fire alarm at the

Long Island Railroad sta-

tion on Hanson Place on

County district attorney's

office that he caught the

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Hate alarm

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cording to police.

Parcel perp

Police arrested a 21-yearold woman who they say stole parcels off the doorstep of

Jan. 28. An United Parcel employee told police that he dropped off two packages at the victim's home between 32-year-old man pulling the Hoyt and Smith streets at

a Third Street apartment on

POLICE BLOTTER Find more online every Wednesday at

10:45 am, and then resumed

his duties as a faithful mail As the mailman was heading back at around 1:30 pm, he noticed the suspect wheeling away a shopping cart

just dropped off, police reported. Gunpoint goon

filled with the packages he'd

An 18-vear-old man was arrested for allegedly robbing a man at gunpoint on Bond Street on Jan. 26, taking the victim's cellphone.

The victim told police that he was between Baltic and Butler streets at 12:40 pm when the suspect pressed a gun to his back and grabbed his phone.

– Colin Mixson

88TH PRECINCT Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

Salami hog

Police arrested a woman who they say stole some fancy provisions from a Myrtle Avenue supermarket on Jan. 26.

Representatives from the business told cops that someone entered the store beween Clinton and Vanderbilt avenues at 8 pm, leaving five minutes later with some Genoa salami and shampoo.

Cops arrested a 51-yearold suspect at 8:10 pm.

Grabby

A sneaky duo robbed a man exiting the Clinton-Washington Street G train station on Jan 27. The 43-year-old victim

told cops he was on Clinton Street at 9:20 pm when a person came up from behind and put him in a chokehold.

Another man went through his pockets, taking some electronics and his backpack, before the two goons escaped in a getaway car, police reported.

Car break

A crook smashed the window of a car on Washington Park sometime overnight on Jan. 20 — and took off with some of the owner's belongings.

The 34-year-old victim told cops he parked his vehicle between Myrtle and Willoughby avenues at 8:30 pm, returning at 8 am the next day to find a window broken and some items gone.

No shelter

A bully beat up a woman in a shelter on Tillary Street on Jan. 25

The 56-year-old woman told cops she was eating at the cafeteria of the shelter at Prince Street at 6:45 pm, when the perp came in and

demanded she leave the table. She then struck the victim with a suitcase, police

Un-beautified

A crook stole equipment from a hair and nail salon on Hanson Place sometime between Jan. 20 and 21.

The 52-year-old victim told cops she left the store between S. Portland Avenue and S. Oxford Street at 7 am, returning at 5:30 pm the next day to find her hair dryer, chairs, and styling trolley gone.

Picked up

Police arrested a suspect who they say drove off with a truck parked on DeKalb Avenue on Jan 24.

The 37-year-old victim said he left his Ford F-150 pickup truck at Carlton Avenue at 5:12 pm with the keys in the ignition, returning a few minutes later to find it

Cops said they found someone driving the car a half hour later.

Disrespect

A thief tried to pry open a 91-year-old woman's apartment door on Greene Avenue while she was inside sometime between Jan. 17 and 22.

The victim told cops that her building manager showed ment between Clermont and Vanderbilt avenues was damaged on Jan. 22 at 3:30 pm. She also said she hadn't left since 4 pm on Jan. 17.

Car nab

A speedster made away with a car on Ashland Place sometime between Jan. 22

The 28-year-old victim told cops he left his vehicle at Willoughby Street at 3:30 pm, returning the next day at 8:30 pm to find it missing.

- Eli Rosenberg

68TH PRECINCT Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights **Enter sandman**

A sneaky thief stole a slept on the N train on Jan. 21, cops claim.

The victim said she boarded the Brooklyn-bound train in Union Square at 3 pm and fell asleep around Canal Street. She awoke at the Eighth Avenue stop near 62nd Street at 4:08 pm to see somebody had taken her bag — with \$63 in cash and her camera inside.

Tired of Jersey

A crook swiped the tires and rims off of a vehicle from Passaic on 95th Street sometime overnight on Jan. 24, according to cops.

The victim reported that she parked her car between Narrows Avenue and Colonial Road at 7 pm and came back at 8 am the next day to see the wheels stripped to the hubs.

Broke the bank A robber stuck up a Fifth

Avenue lending institution on Jan. 26, police report.

The teller told cops that the perp came into the bank between 82nd and 83rd streets at 6 pm and passed her a note demanding cash. "It's going to get worse if

you don't cooperate. Give me \$5,000. I have a gun. Make it look like it's part of my withdrawal and put it in a small bag," the slip read. The teller handed an en-

velope with \$1,601 in bills to the fiend, who insisted on more money. "I said \$5,000. Do it," the

villain said. Ultimately, though, the

crook took the money and fled down 82nd Street in the direction of Fourth Av-**Keystone kaper**

A lowlife smashed the car

window of a woman from Pennsylvania and stole her purse while she was parked at an Eighth Avenue store on Jan. 21.

The victim told cops she parked the car in a parking lot near 63rd Street at 6:10 pm and went shopping. When she came back 20 minutes later, her front passenger-side window was shattered and her bag - with \$45 in cash in-— was gone.

A femme fatale pickpock-

nue on Jan. 26

him, pretending that they were old acquaintances.

girl said.

ing.

A villain stole \$100 in cash from the safe of a Fort Hamilton Parkway pizzeria on Jan.

The cashier claimed she

Record losses

A crook ran off with a woman's vinyl album collection - along with her bicycle, rugs, and suitcases from the storage room of her Shore Road building sometime between Jan. 22 and Jan. 25, police claim.

The victim said the custodian told her that he last checked her rented cellar space at 5 pm on Jan. 22, and came back three days later at 2:15 pm to see the door broken off the hinges and the room cleaned out.

'Winner' loses

robbed an elderly Ridge Boulevard woman of \$9,478 by tricking her into thinking she had won a sweepstakes on Jan. 14.

got a call at 2 pm on Monday, and that the man on the line told her she had been picked for a \$1,000,000 prize and that a representative from the Internal Revenue Service would soon stop by her home to collect the necessary taxes.

open a new account so that he could wire her the winnings. and to take out \$9,478 in cash to give to the taxman. A man stopped by her home between 74th and 75th streets, and she gave him her money

She then got another call telling her to go to a chain pharmacy and buy gift cards, then give him the card numbers over the phone. At this point, the woman called the police.

— Will Bredderman

Greenpoint-Northside

an's laptop from her Conselvea Street apartment on Jan. 23 while she took a bathroom

The woman told police that she was hanging out in the living room of her abode between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue that night with her door open to let in fresh air.

living room while she went to use the bathroom at 10:15

out 35 minutes later, the laptop was gone

Train robberv A swift robber stole a

woman's iPhone while she was sitting on the L train at the Bedford Avenue station on Jan. 18. The woman told po-

lice she was looking at her phone while sitting on the train headed for Manhattan at 7:40 pm when the train stopped at the station near N. Seventh Street.

In the blink of an eye, a teenager grabbed the phone out of her hand and ran off the train, she told police. The 23-year-old woman jumped out and tried to chase him, but could not keep up.

Car theft

A bandit took a man's belongings out of his car parked on Wythe Avenue on Jan 25

The victim told police that he parked his vehicle near N. 10th Street at 11:30 pm for five minutes. When he came back, he discovered that his coat, boots, glasses, navigation system, camera, and headphones were all missing.

Keys to heart

 $An \, upset \, boyfriend \, stole \, his$ girlfriend's keys when the couple got into an argument in her Driggs Avenue apartment on Jan. 17, police reported.

The 22-year-old woman told police that she was fighting with her 25-yearold boyfriend in her abode between N. Seventh and N. Eighth streets at 6 pm when he suddenly grabbed her keys, tried to grab her cellphone, and stormed out of the apartment.

She asked the police to look for him, and says she has not seen him since.

90TH PRECINCT

Southside-Bushwick **Drive-by**

A vicious lowlife shot a man in a drive-by on Wallabout Street on Jan. 21. The 27-year-old victim

told police he was near Broadway on his way home from the J train at 10 pm when a dark-colored Nissan sedan approached, and someone ired six shots his way be-

fore the vehicle drove off. One of the bullets tore through the victim's right thigh,

sending him to the hospital **Rob thwarted**

A gun-wielding goon hoped to rob a guy in the lobby of a Sholes Street building on Jan. 24, but the vic-

The 24-year-old victim told police he was in the building between Gra-

ham Avenue and Humboldt

Street at 2:05 pm when the

would-be robber pointed a silver handgun at him. "Give me your phone and everything you got," said the

The victim simply said 'no" and walked away. When

he looked back, the robber had gone, he told police. To catch a thief

An invisible crook fit for the screen stole the wallet of a moviegoer on Grand Street

The woman told police that she was watching a movie at a theater near Driggs Avenue that started at 10 pm. When the movie ended, her wallet, which was in her purse on the seat next to her, was gone.

myPhone Police arrested a man who

they say stole a woman's iPhone at gunpoint at the J train subway station on Marcy Avenue on Jan. 20. The 25-year-old woman

told police that she was wait-

ing for a Manhattan-bound train at the station near Broadway at 10 pm when a man showed her a silver firearm in his waistband. "Give it to me," the suspect allegedly said.

She handed him the phone and her headphones and he ran down the stairs to the street, she

told officials. Police arrested him a short time later and charged him with robbery. Gang attacks A group of thugs attacked

a man on the dance floor of a Broadway nightclub on Jan.

15, leaving him seriously in-The 34-year-old victim told police that he was at the club

near Cooper Street at 3 am when some guys attacked him. The man suffered a broken nose, bleeding on the brain, 40 stitches to his lip, and multiple bruises, police reported.

Big bullies

A couple of ne'er-do-wells bullied a teenager and stole his stuff on S. Fifth Street

on Jan. 22. The 14-year-old boy told police that he was near Rodney Street at 5:30 pm when two men pushed him into Rodney Park. One of them punched him in the face several times while the other one took his property, including his iPhone, wallet, watch, MetroCard, and stu-

dent ID, police reported. - Danielle Furfaro

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eted an elderly man while giving him a hug on 12th Ave-

The victim reported he was between 85th and 86th streets at 3:30 pm when the shady lady came up and embraced

"I haven't seen you in so long, I miss you," the bad

When the two parted, the man realized that the \$190 in his front pocket was miss-

No dough

25, cops say.

left the keys to the lockbox on the counter when she closed the store between 90th and 91st streets at 1:30 am - and when she re-opened the restaurant at 10:45 am, she found that a crook had opened the safe and taken the money from inside.

A team of con artists

The victim told police she

The scammer told her to

94TH PRECINCT

Easy access

An intruder took a wombreak

She left the laptop in the

Dr. Jeffrey M. Kramer



Mike Durkin of Freestyle Repertory does an improvisational game with (clockwise) Lulu Timoney, 8, Zachary Everett Lane, 9, and Marley Keedy, 10. Freestyle Repertory teaches an improv class for kids once a month at the Gallery Players theater in Park Slope.

Slope kids excel at improv

Gallery Players has a monthly show where kids go for the laughs

By Eli Rosenberg The Brooklyn Paper

Precocious Park Slope kids have a new way to get attention —and laughs — at the borough's only children's improv show.

TheatreSports puts the spotlight on kids as young as 4 years old for a monthly afternoon where children—rather than slightly more mature adult comics-show off their wit on the South Slope stage.

Organizers say the kids are a natural fit to the freestyle form.

"Talent exists in small kids: some kids are artists," said Laura Livingston, the cofounder of Freestyle Repertory Theatre.

The show is designed as a competition, where two twoperson teams face off in a game of improvisational feats. The

theater company's own performers, who lead the skits. And everyone must remember the number one rule of improv theatre: never say no.

The playful genre is in some ways better suited to kids than adults, theater pros say.

"Adults are more concerned than children about how they're looking on stage," said Livingston. "If I were to ask an audience of elementary school kids to name an animal, they might say mouse, dog, or even a bacteria; whereas an adult audience with almost always say aardvark or platypus. A kid will not worry about

whether it's 'creative.' Freestyle Repertory Theatre — which was founded in 1983, and soon developed a mission to bring theatrical experiences outside the theater gave birth to TheatreSports

kids on stage are aided by the after some struggles to hold attention spans in schools.

"We figured out that young people really enjoyed the show, but kids wouldn't pay attention unless they were involved," Livingston said.

The troupe also brings variations of the show to schools in the neighborhood, such PS 321 and PS 124, perhaps in the hopes of finding the borough's next Colin Ouinn.

The show's been going on for five years at the Gallery Players, where it is far from the only program geared towards kids at the acclaimed theater, which also hosts the Peanut Gallery," a musical

theater camp for elementary school kids every summer. The theater's producers argue that it's a way to attract

a different demographic than

the seasoned theatergoers it normally appeals to. "People will say, 'My friend told me about this but I didn't know there was a theater here." said Dominic Cuskern, the director family programing at the theater, which charges \$10 for

kids—though adults are free

— at the show. "It does have a

way of paying off for us."

Livingston promises she isn't training a new generation of disgruntled and jobless creative types that already pop-

ulate the borough's cafes. This is a way of working on how you communicate verbally and through your body language," she said. "It

increases your appreciation for

the written word and encour-

ages creative risk taking.' TheatreSports at the Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenue in Park Slope], (718) 595-0547] Feb. 17, noon. \$10 for kids, adults free.

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Ratner steps down

By Danielle Furfaro

tooth and nail for a decade to realize his dream of planting a giant, rust-covered arena from his chief executive officer role in a few weeks,

Executive vice presi-

The dolphin sighting made

international headlines on

Friday, and Brooklynites

headed down to the federal

Superfund site to see the six-

to seven-foot long creature

that weighed between 200 to

250 pounds swimming in a

soupy, water-esque substance

that contains the germs that

said Tiffany Collings, who

left her Park Slope clothing

store job to check out the dol-

only make matters worse.

animal," said Julika Wocial, a

marine biologist from the Riv-

erhead Foundation, the rescue

organization that received a

call from a citizen who spot-

G's Fulton Street stop and the

many trains at the Atlantic,

stations. The activists would

nication about service changes

and more frequent service at

would not only placate weary

riders, but would help to at-

tract riders away from other

crowded lines, such as the L

"We're building a grow-ing membership of riders who

care about improving transit

service and want to work con-

structively with the MTA to

The MTA said it would

consider the changes after

state senators Daniel Squad-

ron (D-Brooklyn Heights)

and Martin Malave Dilan

(D-Williamsburg) asked the

MTA to launch a full line re-

view of the crosstown local

MTA full line reviews

usually only happen at the was complete.

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get it done," said Raskin.

The activists say the fixes

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"It's an incredible sight,"

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The Brooklyn Paper

in Prospect Heights, is step-

away at about 6 pm, break-

ing the hearts of the doz-

ens of concerned onlookers

who gathered in the freez-

ing cold to catch a glimpse

of the doomed creature from

the banks of the canal, and

cheered whenever he would

show his snout, letting him

know he wasn't alone at his

surrounded by people who wanted to help him," said

Aida Rodriguez of Carroll Gardens. "It gave him a bit

Rodriguez, who claimed

she wanted to jump into the

frigid waterway to save the

creature, could not hold back

tears as she came to terms

"This is just terrible," she said as she broke down. "It's

The dolphin died of nat-

swimming in the feculent

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"We'll look at it very care-

Deirdre Parker said on Mon-

it step-by-step. We'll look at

months, the Riders Alliance,

a transit advocacy group, has

been organizing Brooklyn

straphangers, who created a

list of demands at a series of

"We're succeeding at show-

ing how important the G train

is in so many people's lives,

and how valuable it could

be to bring together riders

and elected officials and the

MTA to improve it," said John

Raskin, executive director of

the implementation of free,

above-ground transfers be-

tween the G train's Broad-

way stop with the J and M

trains at Hewes and Lorimer,

which shuttle commuters to

Manhattan, and between the

Those demands include

the Riders Alliance.

For the past couple of

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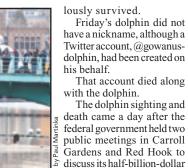
the suggestions."

meetings last year.

DOLPHIN

Forest City Ratner is the

ner's tenure, the company became the biggest developer in Brooklyn. Forest City Ratner de-



Onlookers and media packed the Carroll Street Bridge to get a glimpse of the dolphin.

phin. "You don't usually see ted the dolphin at the entrance a lot of wildlife in the Gowof a waterway near Hamilton Rescue workers had hoped Avenue. "It's a very normal and standard procedure that that their finned friend would we wait through more tide cysomehow make his way back cles before we attempt to do out to sea once high tide came anything. in, fearing that any human

The dolphin isn't the first assistance before then would sea mammal to get caught -'An intervention on our and die — in the canal. part can be detrimental to the

In 2007, a baby minke whale, affectionately called Sludgie," was swimming in the canal after it was separated from its mother during a Nor'Easter. It died af-

behest of a community group or politician. In the past two years, Squadron has helped secure improvements to the

Squadron said the improve-

ments to the G train are cru-

cial to helping the neighbor-

hoods between Greenpoint and

ter F, it would be G. That's

what many riders would give

the G train," said Squad-

ron. "As the Brooklyn and

Queens neighborhoods sur-

rounding the G continue to

grow, their lifeline must grow

a timeline for when it would

have an answer for the Rider

board voted to make the G train

extension to Church Avenue.

which came about because

of construction at the Smith-

Ninth Street station, perma-

nent. Brooklynites had bat-

tled for that victory since the

MTA announced in 2009 that

it planned to cut the last four

stops once the construction

Also on Monday, the MTA's

The MTA declined to give

with them.'

Alliance

"If there were a grade af-

Kensington flourish.

L and F trains.

ter apparently hitting some submerged rocks near an oil facility at the end of Clinton Street.

filthy-inlet, Newtown Creek, also attracted a dolphin, nicknamed "Slimey," in 2010. That dolphin is believed to have miracu-

sign phase, and will take at least until 2022 to complete, Environmental Protection Agency officials said. The Gowanus's sister-

People who spot large marine wildlife in the Gowanus Canal or Newtown Creek, are urged to call the Riverhead Foundation at

plan to clean up the grotesque

waterway that is, now more

than ever, clearly no place for

mence after a two-year de-

The cleanup will com-

marine mammals.

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TECH...

Continued from page 1 St. between Water and Front streets, expanded to a new

loft last spring. NYU-Poly's incubator, a public-private partnership between NYU-Poly and the New York City Economic Development Corporation, is right between them.

The young entrepreneurs honing ideas, mobile apps, programs, and websites say sharing a space is all part of a culture of creative collaboration that helps their startups grow and innovate.

The number one thing is being able to be around our peers, and being able to bounce ideas off each other. pitching to people and getting honest feedback," said Tanya Menendez, who with Matthew Burnett and Scott Weiner co-founded Maker's Row, a website headquartered at the NYU-Poly incubator that provides a database of local factories and a seat per month, thanks to

manufacturing plants all over the country for retailers that want to source goods domestically.

Others laud the incubator for providing the knowledge, resources and connections that would be difficult to access alone.

"Coming from the arts and non-profit world, we'd never heard the word 'monetiza-tion,'" said Dana Karwas, of BLDG BLOK, a soonto-be launched app that will use commentary and video to bring historic urban landscapes to life in a sort of ondemand multimedia walk-

VCs [venture capitalists] from the second day," said Liz McEnaney, who founded the company with Karwas after they met working at the Maya Lin Studio.

'We were pitching to

The entrepreneurs get cheap rent — about \$400

Scott Weiner, Matthew Burnett, and Tanya Menendez, who are co-founders of Maker's Row, a website that helps businesses source materials locally, currently work in the incubator.

some help from the landlord. Two Trees Management Company—as well as access to events, courses, and connections to mentors, professionals, investors, and legal experts, all of which fosters an environment of healthy competition, participants say. And it gives dreamers a reason to take the leap neces-

heads off the ground. "As far as our start-up, the incubator did give us this op-

sary to get that idea in their

portunity that I don't think we would have taken if [the incubator] didn't exist," said Karwas.

That's the point, according to NYU-Poly's director of incubator initiatives, Micah Kotch.

We think by offering all this, we create a more efficient market," said Kotch. We think the companies who are going to succeed are going to succeed faster. There's real value in that."

NARWHAL

Continued from page 1 that washed up on a Queens shore and died in late De-

cember 2012. 'We finally just decided to bite the bullet," said cofounder Basil Lee of the decision to toss their original name overboard. "We came to the conclusion that if we changed our name, we could put this behind us and get back to trying to open our brewery."

Narwhal Brewery had registered in the state as a limited liability corporation in 2011 — but Sierra Nevada created a beer called Narwhal Imperial Stout a year later, and filed for the federal trademark that the Brooklvn brewers had forgotten to secure, thus leading to the

Lee said that after a series of contacts between the two companies, Sierra Nevada finally agreed to chat with them, brewer to brewer. But the conversations with Sierra Nevada head of operations Brian Grossman, son of company founder and microbrewing pioneer Ken Grossman, failed to resolve the situation.

"They were not interested in any kind of solution, where everyone would get to distribute [with the name]," said Lee. "We told them that all we wanted to do was sell our beer under this name and that as long as they let us do it and say they wouldn't pursue any legal action, it would have been fine. But they were basically like, 'No.' Sierra Nevada said that the

conversations "didn't turn up a reasonable alternative to us moving forward with the Narwhal brand.' "Kevin and Basil can open a brewery with their new name,

and we don't doubt craft fans

would be excited to drink their beers," said spokesman Ryan Arnold. For his part, Lee said that after the whale war turned ugly, he didn't think too long

about trying to hold onto the "With all the other stuff we're working on with our brewery, we weren't going to waste time and money doing

that," said Lee.

The two-person com-

pany has lost some capital that it sunk into merchandise and marketing under the Narwhal name was able to amend its existing logo, subbing the whales to make it work.

Lee said there was no doubt in his mind that their libation had to be a leviathan.

"We definitely wanted to stick with a whale," said

Finbacks, an endangered species under federal law, may not evoke the same mythical lore as narwhals, but they are the second largest animals on Earth, after blue whales.

'Starting out, a beer's name has less to do with success," said Joe Tracy, the cellar manager at Bierkraft, who has been following the dispute. "If the beer's good, it will sell, whatever the name is.

TRIVIA

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Some of the players attended because of a general love of trivia, while some fancied themselves transit aficionados

'I've been a transit buff for as long as I can remember," said Jonathan Rivas, who is originally from Bensonhurst and now lives in Ditmas Park. "When I was a kid, I would study the subway map."

The subway-specific questions came courtesy of trivia hosts Stuart Post

and Chris Kelley, who specialize in themed quizzes for particular venues. The quizmaster couple has also hosted a trivia night for the Brooklyn Historical Society and a nautical-themed event at the Navy Yard's visitors center.

The winning teams got prizes including a Transportation Alternatives bike light and a set of Long Island Rail Road shot glasses. The museum has not said when it will hold another trivia night.



Trivia team Mind The Gap checks another team's



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Bookish attraction

They'll read what you want, for a fee, and only in verse

By Colin Mixson The Brooklyn Paper

hat does \$5 get you in a DUMBO cathouse — a poem job.

A coterie of sultry poets are inviting lonely hearts with a sense of irony to their Feb. 9 Valentine's Day Massacre, an artsy, counter-culture bash where scribes will don bawdy attire in imitation of 19th Century women of the night in order to provide a poetic service.

"We're poetry whores," said poet and artistic director Stephanie Berger pictured above). "We love it, we'll do anything for poetry."

To achieve the illicit illusion, the poet prostitutes are transforming DUMBO's Forgotten Works Studio into a brothel, complete with back rooms where, for a meagre fee, patrons can take advantage of the women's particular set of skills — reading poetry, of course.

"We're basically creating a turnof-the-century-esque brothel environment," said Berger.
"In the back of the house, instead

of having prostitutes who have sex with you, they'll read you poetry one-on-one for money

The licentious laureates conceived of the novel, red-light bordello setting after sitting through more than one dry academic night of balladry. and decided this would be way more fun, sexy, and profitable. "Me and some poet friends of

mine thought that the poetery scene was divisive," said Berger.

"There were these really fun poetry read-

TELL-TAIL POEMS: LINES FROM A FEW LEWD LAUREATES

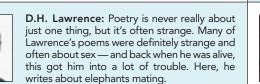
Bards throughout time have figured out novel ways to twist words into tantalizing turns about love, loss, and lust pretty much as soon as someone figured out how to recite poetry. Here are a few choice excerpts from poets who were always making double, even triple entendres. — Sol Park

Walt Whitman: Nature-lover, Brooklynite, and great American poet Walt Whitman was not shy about his body electric, and hoped everyone would enjoy it as much as he did. For some reason, his poetry brings out the nudist in people.



I sing the Body electric; The armies of those I love engirth me, and I engirth them; They will not let me off till I go with them, respond to them, And discorrupt them, and charge them full with the charge of the Soul.

— From "Leaves of Grass"

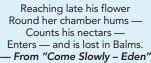


So slowly the great hot elephant hearts grow full of desire, and the great beasts mate in secret at last, hiding their fire.

— From "The Elephant is Slow to Mate"

her depression, but during her lifetime she was a lady known for her gardening. Having a very big bed of flowers full of bees hungry for pollen, Dickinson must have found it easy to draw on her experience for

Emily Dickinson: She's a poet known for





Edgar Allen Poe: They say poetry is either about death or sex, and Poe famously veered towards the former. His last completed poem was a love poem, but it is a love poem that ends with the lovers lying side-by-side — cold as corpses

And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side Of my darling — my darling — my life and my bride, In the sepulchre there by the sea, In her tomb by the sounding sea. - From "Annabel Lee

James, and liquors and beers.



ings that were slammy, but academic poetry readings were boring, so why not put it in a exy environment that's more intimate." Also, poets needs pay, too, she said.

Intimate poetry sessions aside, the Valentine's Day Massacre will entertain with burlesque and aerial performances, live music from the darkly poetic Shayfer

"It's an art party. It's a combination of poetry and burlesque," said Berger. "It shall be brutal."

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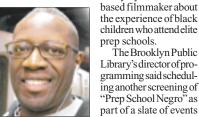
DOCUMENTARY

Most racial

There's a line forming for a new controversial movie — at the library.

One of the Brooklyn Public Library's most

popular screenings ever is back by popular demand — a new documentary by a New York-



celebrating Black History Month was a no-brainer after it sold out at

an early showing in October.
"I've never had a turnout like that for a film," said Meredith Walters, the director of Programs and Exhibitions at the library, which packed 200 people into its downstairs auditorium for the screening, let 20 people watch it outside the theater — and turned about 100 more away.

The film, which deals with race and class as well as public and private education, was a perfect storm of hot issues for Brooklynites.

"It struck a nerve in a way we didn't anticipate," Walters said.

Director Andre Robert Lee, who attended the prestigious Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia on a full scholarship in the 1983 says he made the film to tell the story of black kids who attend prep schools, and to depict the challenges they face.

"As soon as I set foot in the school, I started to go a separate direction from my family," says Lee, in a trailer for the movie.

Lee says he showed a version of the documentary at borough preps Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn Heights and Brooklyn Friends School in Downtown. He says private schools like these all over the country share unresolved racial and social tensions. "We hit this stride saying we're post-racial,

we have a black president and therefore there are no more race problems, and that's total malarkey," said Lee. "It's hard to talk about race and it's hard to talk about class. I open up the door and say let's get going." "Prep School Negro," at the Central Li-

brary's Dweck Center [10 Grand Army Plaza between Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 230-2100, www.bklynpubliclibrary.org]. Feb. 16, 4 pm, Eli Rosenbera

FESTIVAL

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"With the Avett

Brothers and even

Country folk The banjo is twanging on the streets of

Alternative country music band Roosevelt Dime is out to show that the old-timey instru-

ment is alive and well. The group got their start performing in public places, forming a sound that seamlessly straddles bluegrass, jazz and

Mumford and Sons, the banjo is in vogue right now," said bassist Eben Pariser, who along with the rest of Roosevelt Dime will headline the latest installment of the Brooklyn County Fair on Feb. 9 at the Bell House in Gowanus. "There are a lot

of bands that have been working on bringing

it more into the mainstream. It's a sound we

like and it doesn't to be associated with just bluegrass or country." Pariser formed Roosevelt Dime four years igo along with banjo player Andrew Green and drummer Tony Montalbano. They brought in new members by playing on the streets of

Brooklyn and seeing what got passerbys most excited. The rymthm section was bringing in the old blues and the army blues and the gospel and the brass brought in the old time hot jazz and New Orleans sounds. We threw it all together and it grew from there," said Pariser. "The horns

bring an intensity and a firepower.' Once they got the sound they wanted, they created a new genre: steamboat soul. It's reminicent of Dr. Dog or Delta Spirit, but also harkens back to acts including Dr. John and

J.D. Duarte, who has organized a couple of dozen Brooklyn County Fairs over the past five years, said he was excited to book Roosevelt Dime, especially since they've gained such a big following over the past few years.
"They throw a bunch of sounds together and

it comes out sounding great," said Duarte. Brooklyn County Fair at the Bell House [149

Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues, (718) 643-6510, brooklyncountry.com]. Feb. 9, 8 pm, \$10. – Danielle Furfaro









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February 1



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SATURDAY February 2

Crowd pleaser After having caused quite a commotion in its first humble

screenings, "My Brooklyn" is back, and stronger than ever. The Saturday screening of this documentary about the transformation of Downtown Brooklyn will have talks and discussions about gentrification in the borough. 10 am to 9:30 pm at

ReRun Theater [147 Front St. between Jay and Pealr streets in DUMBO, (718) 766–9110, reruntheater.com]. \$10.



SUNDAY

February 3



Superbowl screening

Sorry New York, but we're not going to the Superbowl, making this year's battle of the shoulder pads a somewhat detached affair. But if you're still interested in watching the most popular sporting event in the world, watch it on the biggest screen there is: the movies! Includes food and

6:30 pm at Nighthawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Ave. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue, (718) 384–3980, www.nite-hawkcinema.com]. \$25.

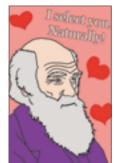
TUESDAY

February 5

Learn about love The lecture series

that tries to entertain and educate, the Society for the Advancement of Social Studies presents a Valentine's Day event. Learn the history of New York City brothels. ancient engagement rings, and antique photographs of hunks.

7 pm at Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St., between Wythe and Kent avenues, (718) 384–4586 publicas semblynyc.com]. Free.



WEDNESDAY

February 6



Slamming you gently

See three Brooklyn poets read their work. Reading will include Vietnam native Ocean Vuong, whose poetry is visceral, sensual, and can catch you off guard with simple observations followed by soul dropping revelations.

7:30 pm at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St., at South Portland Avenue, (718) 246-0200, greenlightbookstore. com]. Free.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, FEB. 1

"THE AFRICAN DRUM": Presented by the Shadowbox Theater. Puppets bring the wit, wisdom and humor of African folk tales to life. Learn or African foils tales to life. Learn how the Turtle got it's shell and the adventures of Kijana and her animal friends. \$15. 10 and 11:30 am. The Bedford Village School, PS 3 [50 Jefferson Ave. at Franklin Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (212) 724–0677], www.shadowboxtheatre.org.

ENTERTAINMENT, LETTERS TO NTERTAINMENT, LETTERS TO SANTA: A museum exhibit at Williamsburg's City Rliquary tells the story of a real-life Santa. \$5. noon-6 pm. City Reliquary [370 Metropolitan Ave., between Marcy Avenue and Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a march street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–4842], www.cityreliguary or a warehing which was a war

ART WORKS: Little Picasso's explore (1 WORKS: Little Picasso's explore their artistic side. Free with museum admission. 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735–4400], www. brooklynkids.org.

MUSIC, KARAOKE: Brooklyn Bowl brings back hip-hop karaoke. Rap your heart out! \$8.6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williams-burg, (718) 963–3369], www.brook-lynbowl.com. PHOTOGRAPHY, CANADIAN EX-

CHANGE: Pierogi is pleased to present an exhibition of large-scale photographs and a video by Canadian artist Isabelle Hayeur, free. 7–9 pm. Pierogi Gallery [177 N. Ninth St. in Williamsburg, (718) 599–2144], www.pierogi2000.com.

BARCLAYS, NBA BASKETBALL: The Brooklyn Nets take on the Chicago Bulls. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359–6387], www.BarclaysCen-

DANCE AT BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC: Renowned choreog-rapher Trisha Brown and the Trisha Brown Dance Company return to BAM with a highly anticipated propam featuring repertory classics and two New York premieres. Starts at \$20. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave.between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], www. ham org.

THEATER, HIGH TECH PUPPET: A nature guide attempts to find a lost nature guide attempts to find a lost child after a violent storm of mythic proportions hits Prospect Park in the world premiere of "The Service Road," a highly visual multi-media show on stage. 7:30 pm. New York City College of Technology Klitgord Center Auditorium (285 Jay St. at Tillary Street in Downstown, 7(18) Tillary Street in Downtown, (718) 260–5102], www.citytech.cuny.edu THEATER, NEW PLAY 'THE SUIT':

"The Suit" is a bracing, human parable — and a can't-miss event. Free. 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], www.

bam.org.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: Signer



Pod cuddlers: Comics Dave Anthony and Greg Behrendt are inviting fans of their podcast to get know each other at "Starfish Circus," a night of comedy and music on Feb. 2.

Katie Mullins is set to perform live. \$10. 8 PM. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallny.com.

ART, PORTRAITS OF MLK: The exhibit is based upon the featured artists' rendition of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., some of whom personally met Dr. King. Gallery tours by appointment only. 9 pm. Medgar Evers College [1638 Bedford Ave., (718) 270–4920]. USIC, LIVE MUSIC — PLUS A D

— PLUS A DJ SET!: Electro-funk duo Jupiter comes to Brooklyn Bowl with R&B-inflected new wavers Yip Deceiver. Also, Flying Horse and DJ Dirty Grand. \$10. 11 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklyn-

SAT, FEB. 2

MUSIC, CHOIR PARTY: Party Mardi Gras style with selections from Prospect Hill Senior choir, Adult Jazz and Gospel choir, several Jazz and Gospel choir, several soloists and guests. Great faculty band, food, drink and a warm at-mosphere. Free. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln Place and Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 622–3300 or email: rfrank@bqcm. org], www.bqcm.org

orgj, www.nqcm.org. MUSIC, ACOUSTIC BALLADS, ROCK: Starnes&Shah, featuring vocal duo Dania Abu-Shaheen (guitar/vocals) and Zilpha Starnes (keyboards/vo-cals) present pared down acoustic ballads and rock anthems complete with choral arrangements and layered guitar effects. \$8.8 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529–6696], ny.knittingfactory.com.

COMEDY, ADULTS AT PLAY: Come-dians Dave Anthony and Greg Beh-rendt are cohosts of the podcast — or "Podcuddle," as they call it — "Walking the Room." This is the live show, "Starfish Circus." **Free**. 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebellhouseny.com

WORKSHOP, NOVICE KNITTING:
Materials will be available for purchase at Brooklyn ARTery or feel free to bring your own. \$90 for series of 3. 10:00–11:30. Brooklyn ARTery [1020 Cortelyou Rd. in Ditmas Park, (917) 721–0844], www.brooklyn. brooklynartery.com. SHOW FOR KIDS: Out of the Shab

box's programming features Avodah Dance's Julie Gayer Kris (movement), Backyardigan Livel's Shawn Shafner (storytelling) and Ruach Rocker Jay Rapoport (min-strel). Join an interactive, fun filled strel). Join an interactive, fun fillies can programming where families can come together to sing, dance and tell stories. Free. 9:30 – 11:00 am. Union Temple [17 Eastern Parkway; 4th Floor in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–7600], www.uniontemple.org. BAMKIDS FILM FESTIVAL: The 15th

AMKIDS FILM FESTIVAL: The 15th annual festival showcases films tailored to children ages 2 to 10 years old. There will be 76 films from 24 countries. \$12 (\$9 children under 13; \$9 for seniors: \$7 members) Per Screening. 10 am – 2 pm. BAM Rose Cinemas [30 Lafayette Ave. and Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 777–FILM (3456)], www.bam.org/kidsfilmfest. WORKSHOP, FILM INDUSTRY: Work-

shop on how to get started in film production. \$15. noon. Brooklyn Young Filmmakers Center [143 Waverly Ave. in Clinton Hill, (718) 935–0490], www.wearebyfc.org.

WORKSHOP, SELF DEFENSE FOR PRE-TEENS: This new course includes activities geared towards this age group of 10 to 12 years.

Free. 12:30–2:30 pm. Center for Anti-Violence Education [327 Seventh St. in Prospect Park, (718) 788–1775], www.caeny.org. "THE PRINCE AND THE MAGIC FLUTE": Puppetworks presents the comic adventure, based on the clas-

sic Mozart opera. Recommended

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for children 3 years old and older. \$8 (\$9 adults). 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965–3391], www.puppetworks.org. TRANSIT TIME TRAVEL: Children 4

years and older learn how life was back in 1913 as they explore the toys, food, dress and transportation of that day. Free with museum admission. 1:30 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/ mta/museum.

YOUTHWORKS PERFORMANCE:

Plays, dances, poetry and original songs by young artists 7 to 18 years old. \$5 at the door. 7 pm. BAX – Brooklyn Arts Exchange [421 Fifth Ave. in South Slope, (718) 832– 0018], www.bax.org.

SUN, FEB. 3 MUSIC, LIVE KLEZMER MUSIC: German klezmorim Franzisca

hausen comes to Barbes. \$10.7 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965–9177],

www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

TALK, ZIONISTS DISCUSSIONS: Israel Programming at BHS Zionism: Old & New Paradigms engages with Zionist thought from the past and the present as a kickoff to the Israel film series, Israel Talking @ the Movies.

\$5 per discussion. 12:30 pm. Brooklyn Heights Synagogue [131 Remsen St. in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 522–2070], bhsbrooklyn.org.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMELIA BEDELIA!: It's Amelia Bedelia's 50th
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throwing a birthday in the children's book character's honor. 1:30
pm-3:30 pm. Word Bookstore [126
Franklin St. between Milton and
Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718)
383–0096], www.wordbrooklyn.
com.

SPORTS, SUPER BOWL PARTY: Come watch the big game on the big screen at the Bell House! **Free**. 5:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny

MON, FEB. 4

WORKSHOP, JAZZ VOCAL WORK-SHOP: Brooklyn Conservatory of Music jazz vocal students show off as individuals and an ensemble in this

semester-end performance, led by Voice Faculty member Donna Henry. Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln Place and Seventh Avenue in

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Listed: SRDS

Don't call it a fake-off

Bakers compete in vegan bake-off to wow judges

By Jaime Lutz The Brooklyn Paper

t may be a vegan contest, but expect the competition to be bloodthirsty.

Bakers will have to wrack their creative brains to please judges' palates at what organizers say is the first butter-less bake-off of

its kind in New York. And the discerning tast-

ers — vegan chocolatier Sarah Gross, chef Adam Sobel, and comedian Myq Kaplan — aren't considering just any old cruelty-free chocolate chip cookie.

"One particular example: someone is making a vegan version of the Girl Scout Samoa cookie," said Chris Willets, founder of New York frugal event guide the Skint, which is hosting

DINING

"The First Vegan Bake-Off Dessert Competi-tion" at Bell House [149 643-6510.

Seventh St. between Second and Third av-enues in Gowanus, (718) www.the bellhouseny.com]. Feb. 10, 3 pm, \$12, \$15 door. through Feb. 1.

tions. And even though the desserts will be vegan, she won't be grading on a curve. 'It goes against the classics of baking, which is always using eggs and butter and milk," she said. "But

there are a lot of ways to

creatively get around ani-

the competition at the Bell

House in Gowanus on Feb.

10. "That's one that we're

like 'ooh, we're really in-

the annual NYC Vegetarian

Food Festival, said she'll be

judging based on originality

and unusual flavor combina-

Gross, who also organizes

terested.

mal products without missing anything.

One tip she suggested is substituting eggs with applesauce, mashed bananas, or even cornstarch mixed

Submissions for possible inclusion in the competition — only 20 amateur chefs will be chosen — are open through Feb. 1. But carnivorously competitive vegan chefs who miss the deadline shouldn't fret: the Skint plans to host similar cook-offs every few months, Willets said. The next one

will be in June.



No dairy, no cry: Vegetarian food festival organizer Sarah Grossman will be one of the judges at the upcoming vegan bake-off at the Bell House.

SCRAW By Bill Roundy When it's 17° 1 Does it have a fireplace? 2 How close can I get to it? and snowing, my requirements for a bar become:

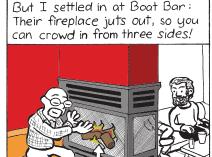


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Making solid works of art

Mixed medium painter uses cement in her pieces

By Samantha Lim for The Brooklyn Paper

> he paintings are abstract, but they're also very concrete.

A Brooklyn-based artist Naomi Safran-Hon heavily integrates cement in her artwork, which is mostly a hybrid of photography and painting.

She says she was inspired by her trips back home to Israel. In 2007, she photographed the West Bank barrier in Jeruslem and visited a refugee camp close to Bethlehem. Her affinity for cement stems from its fitting allusion to construction, whether it be walls or buildings.

To aquire some materiels, all she needed to do was ask a neighbor.

"I was really trying to represent architecture affected by the war," said Safran-Hon who will host a two-weekend adult art workshop at the Brooklyn Museum on Feb. 9 and 16. "One day I was like, 'Why don't I just use cement?' since I wanted it to feel like $cement. \, Some body {---} a \, sculptor \, next$ door — gave me a little cup of cement and I tried it out and loved it.'

Apparently art enthusiasts loved

On Sept. 8 and 9, Safran-Hon and 1,707 other artists welcomed 18,000 people into their studios throughout Brooklyn. Visitors rooted for their favorite artists, and a meticulous voting process ensued. Five finalists, Safran-Hon included, were offered spots in a group exhibition "GO" at the Brooklyn Museum through Feb. 24.



Hard work: Painter Naomi Safran-Hon, who was selected by art goers as one of five artists to be featured at the Brooklyn Museum, uses cement and lace to give her works a very unique look.

"Adult Weekend Workshop: Mixed Media with Naomi Safran-Hon" at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000, www. brooklynmuseum.org]. \$125 for the two-part workshop, Feb. 9 and 16, 11 am–2 pm.

The borough's popular pick not only employs concrete, but also uses fabrics, particularly lace, in her work

"Lace speaks of domesticity and our private lives while cement represents outside forces," she said. "When cement and lace meet, they exchange attributes—the cement becomes flexible and delicate while the lace be-

Under Safran-Hon's fingers, the juxtaposing materials go hand-in-hand to form incredibly powerful pieces. One of her works titled "Home Invasion" started off with a photograph of her aunt's home in Israel. Safran-Hon then embellished the canvas with lace and plastered on some cement. The end effect is a haunting scene that whispers of war's intrusion into private lives



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Between the folds: Artist Marela Zacarias's sculptures at the Brooklyn Museum were inspired by the Williamsburg Murals, a set of paintings almost lost

True grit in a museum

Sculptures pay tribute to WMBG Murals of '30s

By Walt Hillman for The Brooklyn Paper

hen the going gets tough, the

tough get sculpting.
In "Supple Beat" — an exhibition of four new pieces opening at the Brooklyn Museum on Feb. 1 - artist Marela Zacarias pays homage to an old-fashioned New York trait: grit.

The Gowanus-based artist's vivid sculptures were inspired by the Williamsburg Murals, New Deal-era cultural treasures created for the earliest residents of Williamsburg Houses. The stubborn wall paintings, nearly lost to neglect, were found in the late 80s under coats of glue and paint, and have now made a come-back at the museum, on loan from the New York City Housing Authority.

"As objects, they've had a life of their own," Zacarias said of the murals. "Nobody liked abstract work in the '30s—it was all representational so it was an exception that they were created. And then they were painted over and forgotten about, but in the '80s someone finds them and

Zacarias's sculptures share with the original murals a commanding use of sharp lines and bright colors.

now they're here.'

"I'm a collector of patterns and

olors," she said. Like much of Zacarias's work, the sculptures are meant to interact with the architecture of a specific communal space — the pieces, resembling huge, living blankets, seem to have just finished crawling the walls and balconies of the museum's cavernous entrance lobby.

'Raw/Cooked: Marela Zacarias" at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000]. opens Feb 1. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Defying the stereotype of the holed-up, sun-shy artist, Zacarias relishes the opportunity to engage the public through art.

'I was always interested in both art and the public, in art and social change," she said. "I thought it would be good to have the pieces in the public part of the museum - nobody needs to pay to see them.

This public-mindedness leads Zacarias to an uncomfortable conclusion about how far we've come since the days of FDR, especially in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and its impact in neighborhoods like Red Hook.

The Williamsburg Murals were created during the Depression for workers to look at after coming back from the docks and the factories," she said. "I couldn't help but see the disparity between then and now Then. it was like, 'Let's make art for workers,' and today, it's 'Let's leave them for two weeks without water."

Ultimately, Zacarias's striking new work is a tribute to the strength shown by Sandy victims and Depression survivors alike.

"These pieces are about resilience," she said. "Resilience and then triumph at the end. It's a good metaphor for all of us, how we bounce back and prevail."

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READING, POWERFUL GRANDMOTHERS: Photojournalist and granny to two, Paola Gianturco discovered on her travels across five continents that across five continents that the old matrons are reshaping the world — and she brought together their faces and stories in her new book, "Grandmother Power." Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666–3049], www. powerhousearena.com.

ENTERTAINMENT, THE WIL-LIAMSBURG SPELLING
BEE: From "broccoli" to
"triskaidekaphobia," come
test out your spelling in a
bar backroom filled with smart people and beer. Free. 7:30 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorime St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandys

HOUR: Join Uncommon Goods for How To Make oowerhousearena.com ART, SOLO SHOW ABOUT FOOD: Aya Nozawa's

TUES, FEB. 5 TALK, DESIGN HAPPY

> It, a design panel and net-working happy hour where design professionals will be sharing their advice on how to source more eco-friendly materials and how to set up a studio or workspace with little environmental impact. Free. 6:30 pm. Power-House Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666–3049], www.

paintings about food. free. 7–10 pm. Ouchi Gallery (170 Tillary St., Suite 507).

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BARCLAYS, NBA BASKET-BALL: The Brooklyn Nets take on the LA Lakers. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359–6387], www.Barclay-

ART, RHYTHMIC PAINTINGS: Julian Kreimer's first solo show of paintings in New York, Coming and Going. For the past decade, Kre-

imer has been rhythmically making paintings from observation while also, at first in secrecy, painting abstractions. Free. 7:30 abstractions. Free. 7:30 – 11pm. Weeknights [566 Johnson Ave., The Active Space, Studio #27, (201) 953–4062], www.week-nights.wordpress.com.

WED, FEB. 6

READING, "BEING HUMAN, CALL OF THE WILD": Au-thors Janyce Stefan-Cole, Lisa Sita and Anne White-Lisa Sita and Anne White-house read from a collec-tion of short stories. Free. 4–6:30 pm. St. Francis Cellege [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489–5200], https:// www.sfc.edu.

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DISCUSSION, DAVID FOS-TER WALLACE APPRE-CIATION: The David Foster Wallace Appreciation Society will kick off its second meeting at Word Bookstore and share stories of how they first came to read the famed author. The meeting is open to all. 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble Streets. Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383– 0096], www.wordbrooklyn.

THURS, FEB. 7

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HISTORY: Studio10 presents 20/20/2013, a group exhibition of work by Kevin Curran, Paul D'Agostino, Barbara Friedman, Joan Logue, Cathy Nan Quinlan and Adam Simon. Free. 7–9 pm. Studio10 [56 Bogart St. in Bushwick, (718) 852–4396], www.studio10bogart.com.

ART, "UNTOLD": Curated

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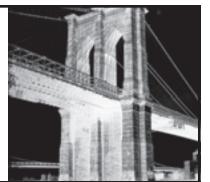


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RACK...

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has become a symbol of one group of people moving in and disregarding another.

"It's about communities not communicating with each other," said Nugent-Miller, who gathered more than 200 signatures on a petition she started with neighbor Karen Granville. "One thing I noticed in this outreach was that the merchants who were African-American were clueless [about where the corral came from].

Neighboring businesses confirmed that they weren't approached by Little Zelda's owners — or the city

about surrendering the parking space to cyclists. "It's good to have places to park your bike, but I have customers who come in cars too," said Lily Johnson-Bibia, who owns the bakery Lily & Fig, across the street from the corral, "I support the effort to get it off the street: I would like bike racks on the sidewalk.'

But that doesn't mean there wasn't a public process to bring the bike corral to Franklin Avenue.

Kate Blumm, who opened Little Zelda in March 2012 with her husband, went through the community board process to request the bike corral, which was unanimously voted through Board 8's transportation committee and approved by the entire board in October after presenta-

tions by Blumm and the transportation department. "That process is there for a reason, which is to make the community aware of what is going on in the neighborhood," Blumm said. "I feel badly people weren't aware, but we participated exactly because we wanted to have

Board 8's transportation committee just reaffirmed its support for the rack with another unanimous vote last Tuesday in response to Nugent-Miller's petition. A board spokeswoman said that the matter could come up for a vote again in front of the whole board, depending on the decision of chairwoman Nizjoni Granville and district manager Michelle George.

Bike corrals are a recent initiative for the transportation department, which has installed at least four on commercial streets in Brooklyn since 2011, to the delight of bicycle advocates.

Little Zelda started a counter-petition of its own to support the racks, posting it both in the store and online, and has more than 230 signatures online so far. But while Nugent-Miller collected her signatures among local residents and businesses, the pro-corral online petition includes supporters from places like Romania, Turkey, Netherlands and the Czech Republic — none of which are in biking distance of Crown Heights.

KITCHEN...

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always too lazy to get the food," said co-owner Julien Nakache, who created ChefDay to take the shopping out of cooking. "I wanted to create a nice cooking experience for people and focus on the nice part, which is the cooking."

"I'm not a good cook at all. I always cook the same, very simple stuff," said Yasemin Etikan, 24, of Williamsburg, who had five people over to help her cook scallop risotto. "This was like I was cooking for a five-star restaurant."

For now, the company only delivers ready-to-cook meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Customers must order before 10 pm to get the meal the next day.

Chef Day currently offers 11 recipes on its site. The company plans to add one new meal per week through the winter, and in the spring it hopes to start adding two a week. The company delivers anywhere in New York City, but the majority of its customers are in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Kevin Adey, the executive chef at Northeast Kingdom on Wyckoff Avenue, donated the recipe for his pork tenderloin with peach and cabbage salad. He volunteered the time to make the video in ChefDay's studios, saying he was happy to help.

"Anything that gets people cooking at home is good," said Adey. "Too many people are relying on prepackaged meals and stuff you get at the grocery store that isn't real."

CO-OP...

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in return for members working at the storefront for free, so it would be able to keep its head above water during a time when expenses — including telephones, electricity, and rent —have gone up

dramatically.

"This kind of reinvestment is not unheard of for co-ops," Ogden said.

Or, at superstores including Costco and BJ's Wholesale, where members buck up a yearly fee in return for lower prices on items that are usually sold in bulk. But that's where the comparison ends, because when food coop take your cash, they promise to give it back.

The Park Slope Food Coop, for instance, charges members a one-time \$100 fee that is returned to them - with inter-

est - when they quit. Ogden says he would use a similar model, which won't go into affect until members

"We're holding a meeting to find out what our membership wants to do," said Ogden. "It's been difficult because we've gone through so many changes relatively quickly.

The Bushwick Food Coop opened in 2008 as a buyer's club with only 10 members, but it quickly grew as word spread about the club's cheap prices on bulk foods. In 2009, the co-op moved into an office and storage space in Brooklyn Fireproof on Ingraham Street. Last summer, it moved into the Loom building on Flushing Avenue between Porter and Knickerbocker av-

enues, and four years after

the co-op held its first meet-

ing, it became a full-service though small — grocery. Now, non-members can also shop at the store, through they pay higher prices.

Members have differing ideas of how to make sure the co-op is sustainable. Some want to attract as many members as possible, but others are wary of

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The good, the sick, and the Elvis

believe in the power of positive thinking. I subscribe to the idea that feeling well is a state of mind and that, in any case, convincing yourself that you are can't hurt.

You're fine," I say to the kids if they casually mention a little sore throat or blow their

"I'm fine," they've learned to say if I look at them sideways when they cough.

We're fine. When I feel a touch of the runs. I blame it on too much cheese. I try to ignore the rumors of rampant stomach flu, cause I feel like if I gave my icky stomach pangs a name, they might last longer.

"Are you sick?" people ask if I'm congested.

'No," I say. I continue to get up early and walk the dog, to go to the gym, to continue



on with my life as usual. If I feel a little fluey, I make extra sure to be active and get fresh air.

Pretending works wonders. The kids hadn't missed a day of school all year, in fact they'd missed hardly any days in all their years of school. So it was with great concern that I looked at Eli the other day as he grabbed my cold fingers and put them on his forehead.

"Do you not feel well?" I asked, forgetting my own cardinal rule of not asking lead-

ing questions about health for fear of putting negative ideas in their heads.

"I'm fine," he said, but his head on the table said otherwise. He didn't perk up much.

barely drank his smoothie, and then lay on the floor in a heap. "Get up," I said. "If you get

up and get to school, I think you'll feel better." From underneath the blanket, he whined, "But I'm so

He'd had a fun fairly sleep-

less long weekend and I wasn't feeling too sympathetic. His father certainly wasn't. We weren't the family that stayed home from school. We pushed through, we persevered.

But there was nothing doing. Tears fell down his cheeks as Eli explained it was the hardest day of the schedule in school, that he just couldn't do it.

The Big G and I started arguing over what should be done. Since I'd started the whole, "you're fine" business. G wanted to continue down that road, but by then I'd moved on to the, "maybe he should stay home, maybe we should trust him since this is the first time all year he's even asked to stay home." I switch gears mid-stream a lot, leaving G floundering as he tries to defend my initial perspective.

"I'm sorry!" I screamed at one point. "I have no idea what to do!"

It was true. In cases, lately, where I believe my children may be pulling a fast one, I have no faint clue what to do. If I go back in time, I remember sitting on my parent's bed with the phone out to my dad, forcing him to call in sick for me when I just didn't feel like going to school. I remember he looked scared and asked what he should say. I remember advising him, "It doesn't matter. They'll believe you.

You're the dad." I stayed home an entire five days once, even though I was better with my cold by Wednesday, just so I could see all of Elvis Week on the 2 pm movie. I loved Elvis. I could justify it. My parents clearly didn't care.

The hypocrisy of my go-

to-school-at-all-costs parenting compared to how I was raised does not escape me. Sometimes I feel have become a little psycho worrying about how days missed will look for middle-school and high-school admission, and about how letting down our tough-guy guards might leave us prey to pesky illness I'd rather pretend my way through. Sometimes we have to relax our rules, if reluctantly, if the situation

should require it. We let Eli stay home. We sent him to bed and there he stayed, zonked, for hours. When I got home with chicken noodle soup, he was his old self, still wrapped in a blanket but sitting up, color restored to his cheeks. Sometimes a

little R&R is in order. Just not for too long, not even for Elvis.



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